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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT

Initiating an Interagency Intelligence

Product

Bill Colby has charged me with initiating an interagency intelligence product which will make a periodic report on Soviet behavior in the Middle East. The attached exchange of letters between him and Bill Clements explains the origin and purpose of the undertaking as well as suggesting its scope.

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- 2. CIA has agreed to take responsibility for the collation, reproduction, and dissemination of this periodical. Chief, Soviet Division, Office of Current Intelligence will be CIA's project officer for this
- You are invited to send representatives to a planning meeting on Tuesday, 14 October, at 2 p.m. in room 7-E-72, Headquarters Building, Langley, Virginia. These representatives should be those who will subsequently act as project officers for this undertaking in your agency. At that time we will discuss the scope, classification, and scheduling of a first issuance as well as the allocation of production responsibilities. Please feel free to bring associates (no more than three) who can contribute to this discussion.

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4. I have invited Mr. Charles Sorrels, DOD/ISA, who has been instrumental in defining the consumer need for this report, to join our discussions on this date.

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National Intelligence Officer for USSR-EE

## Attachment:

- Clements memo w/outline
- 2. Colby memo

cc: Mr. Charles Sorrels

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